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City Of Las Vegas Takes Next Step Toward Relying Exclusively On Renewable Energy Through Partnership With NV Energy

Public Utilities Commission Of Nevada Approves Partnership

The Public Utilities Commission of Nevada today approved a partnership between the city of Las Vegas and NV Energy that paves the way for the city to be a world leader in renewable energy. It means city facilities are one step closer to relying solely on renewable recourses for power.

With the approval, the new partnership now needs to be ratified by the Las Vegas City Council. If approved by the council, this partnership will dedicate to city operations a portion of energy produced by a local solar facility that is currently in development. The energy dedicated from this solar facility, coupled with the power the city produces on its own and receives from NV Energy that already satisfies our state's renewable portfolio standard, will allow the city of Las Vegas' retail load to be served 100 percent by renewable energy.

In partnership with NV Energy, every streetlight, city park, community center, fire station, service yard and public building owned by the city will be 100 percent powered by renewable energy.

"This partnership is a sustainability game changer for our city," said Las Vegas Mayor, Carolyn G. Goodman. "One thing that surprises people is how environmentally conscious Las Vegas is when all they know appears to be less than sustainable. However, we are proud to join other community and business leaders who are all leaders in conservation. I look forward to being one the first cities of our size in the nation to use 100 percent renewable energy for operations."

The solar facility that will be initially supporting the city's 100 percent renewable energy goal is the 100-megawatt (AC) Boulder Solar I power plant currently under development in the Eldorado Valley of Boulder City, Nev.

The news conference in November 2015 where the partnership was announced by Mayor Goodman and NV Energy representatives can be viewed on the city's Livestream www.kclv.tv/live.

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